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SUBJECT:VISIT OF TRANSPORT/TELECOMMUNICATIONS MINISTER DUDAS

1. DOT INTERESTED IN EARLY NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL OF DUDAS VISIT, PARTICULARLY IF LATE MAY SELECTED. IF DECISION DELAYED APPRECIABLY, IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO DEVELOP PROGRAM APPROPRIATE TO MINISTERIAL VISIT. ALTERNATE DATE OF EARLY FALL PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE TO WASHINGTON. IN ANY CASE, WILL ALSO APPRECIATE LEARNING OF ACCOMPANYING PARTY AND GROUP'S LANGUAGE CAPABILITY.

2. REGARDING FUNDING, DOT WISHES TO APPLY SAME PRINCIPAL OF FUNDING TO DUDAS VISIT AS CURRENTLY APPLIED TO ALL OTHER VISITING FOREIGN DIGNITARIES. DOT PREPARED TO PROVIDE DEPARTMENTAL AIRCRAFT FOR TRAVEL WITHIN THE U.S. (INCLUDING MEALS ABOARD AS APPROPRIATE) AND WOULD ARRANGE TO HAVE AS MANY LUNCHES AND DINNERS AS POSSIBLE HOSTED BY UNCLASSIFIED
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THE VARIOUS TRANSPORT ORGANIZATIONS TO BE VISITED. FUNDING BY ROMANIANS WOULD THEREFORE BE LIMITED TO INTERNATIONAL

TRAVEL, HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, MEALS NOT HOSTED AND PERSONAL EXPENSES.

3. BASED UPON DUDAS SUGGESTIONS PROVIDED IN REFERENCE WE VISUALIZE ITINERARY AS FOLLOWS:

1ST DAY (FRI) - IN WASHINGTON WITH SECRETARY/MINISTER DISCUSSIONS, SIGNING OF UPDATED COOPERATION AGREEMENT AT BOTH CABINET AND TECHNICAL LEVELS, LUNCHEON HOSTED BY COLEMAN, AND DISCUSSIONS AT STAFF LEVEL ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS. MEETING WITH U.S. POSTAL AND COMSAT OFFICIALS.

2ND DAY (SAT) - POSSIBLE TOUR OF MECHANIZED MAIL HANDLING IN WASHINGTON. REMAINDER OF DAY FREE FOR SIGHTSEEING.

3RD DAY (SUN) - FREE IN WASHINGTON.

4TH DAY (MON) - FLY TO ATLANTA, VISIT SOUTHERN RAILROAD HEADQUARTERS AND AUTOMATED TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM. RON.

5TH DAY (TUES) - PORT OPERATIONS; FRESHWATER AND BARGE OPERATIONS. RON.

6TH DAY (WED) - FLY TO NEW YORK. VISIT NEW YORK PORT AUTHORITY, CONTAINER OPERATIONS, TOUR OF CITY. RON.

7TH DAY (THURS) - IN NEW YORK - FREE. P.M. - DEPART FOR BUCHAREST. KISSINGER

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